any of the Kendriya Vidyalayas han been received in the Kendriya Vidyalaya San-Kathan (Headquarters).

(b) to (d). Do not arise.

Supply of Thionyichloride by Indian Companies to Iran

1880. DR. G. VIJAYA MOHAN REDDY;
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
KUMARI SAYEEDA KHATUN:
SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRs be pleased to state ;

(a) whether it is a fact that an Indian manufacturer has supplied to Iran, Iraq and Egypt 257 tonnes of Thionyichloride which could be used for manufacturer of chemical weapons as alleged by Bush Administration, if so, what are the de tails thereof;

(b) whether the report about the supply of the chemical is correct; and

(c) whether Government have taken up the issue with the Government of United States?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO) : (a) and (b). An Indian firm had entered into a contract with a UAE company for the supply of 257 tonnes of Thionyl Chloride. This chemical, which is P. v:!ely traded commodity, has many industrial uses such as the manufacture of pesticides, engineering plastics and as chlorinating agents and catalysts. It can also be used for the manufacture of chemical weapons. Its export is not banned under any International agreement. According to the Information received by us. the Indian firm had entered into an export contract after obtaining an enduse certificate *to* the effect that the chemical would be used for permitted industrial purposes.

(o) The question of Government taking up the issue with the Government of United States does not arise.

Sale of GHN-45 Cannons by Austria to Pakistan

1881. SHRI KAPIL VERMA :
SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Austria is about to sell to Pakistan a number of GHN-45 cannons through its state" owned Howitzer-maker NORICUM;

(b) whether this was the cannon which India had refused in favou$_r$ of Bofors; and

(c) whether the issue is being taken up by India with Austrian Governnment 7

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO) : (a) Government have seen press reports On this subject.

(b) In 1984$_?$ the Autrian manufac turer had proposed the supply of a weapon- described as GHN-45. This was a 155 mm field Howitzer It is not known whether, in terms of design$_i$ manufacture or performance an identical weapon has been offered to Pakistan.

(c) Government keeps a constant watch on such issues and invariably takes them up with the concerned countries through diplomatic channels as and when neces sary.

Preparation of panel of Teachers by K.V.S. in violation of Govt. Norms

1882. DR. NAGEN SAIKIA : Wfll the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(al whether it is a fact that the length of the panel of Government employee' selected for direct recruitment cannot be more than the number of vacancies advertised:

flO if so whether it f$_s$ also a fact that Kendriva Vidvalava Sansathan has violated their instructions while preparing